Rs. 1325 crore for formation of flood banks of Godavari, Krishna, Vamsadhara and Nagavai rivers to standards of flood proofing;

(b) if so, when such request was received in the Ministry; and

(c) what action the Ministry has taken on the above request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPAHTY): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a memorandum Seeking Central assistance for immediate relief measures for restoration of infrastructure damaged in the wake of flood of August 2006. The memorandum, *inter-alia*, included a demand for separate package of Rs. 1000 crore for bunding of Godavari, Vamsdhara and Nagavali rivers. As per the decision of the High Level Committee (HLC), financial assistance for Rs. 152.10 crore was released from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the State of Andhra Pradesh for immediate relief measures. The State Government has been informed that with respect to their request for financial assistance for reconstruction of damaged infrastructure, an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been set up to assess the same.

Infiltration through sea route

†3745. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI UDAI PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists are planning to infiltrate into India through sea route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any action-plan to check infiltration through the sea route; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There are reports indicating

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that some terrorist organizations have plans to infiltrate their agents and arms and ammunitions into India through sea route.

(c) and (d) The Coast Guard maintains surveillance of Indian coastline extending up to the extremity of the Exclusive Economic Zone. This surveillance mechanism acts as a deterrent for terrorists. Besides, under the Coastal Security Scheme, assistance has been given to the coastal States and Union Territories to strengthen infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of coastal areas by setting up police stations, check posts and outposts in the coastal areas and to equip the coastal police stations with vehicles and boats for mobility on the coast and in close coastal waters

PM's talks with coalition Government in J and K regarding reduction in troops

3746. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister held any talks with the coalition Government in Jammu and Kashmir and agreed to study the demands for phased reduction of troops from civilian areas in Jammu and Kashmir; withdrawal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and vacation of civilian property occupied by the army; and

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee is also consulted before taking any steps on the above mentioned issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There have been demands and reports, from time to time, about reduction in the level of security force deployment in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to examine the overall situation and security forces deployment in the light of the approach of the Government as stated above and to determine whether there is need to relocate and reconfigure the existing security forces deployment.